

# Touchdown



## The Westland & Yeovil District Aeromodellers newsletter February - August 2008

### **This years Westlands Leisure Complex Sections Open Day**

There is a sections open day planned at the Westlands leisure complex open day planned for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August. As last year we will be fling from a specially mown strip just inside the airfield near the sports & social centre. This year with a little more notice we hope to solve the security rules, and provide taster flights with buddy box system.

We will need planes for the static flight line, people with B certificates to fly, instructors to fly buddy lead systems, and of course people just to meet, greet & talk to visitors.

Please contact Mark Pope who is doing our organising.

### **Theft of the Merriott Mower**

Some Ne're-do-well stole our ride on mower last week. We have reported this to the police, and are looking at alternatives. At the moment a couple of our members are using their petrol powered garden mowers to mow the patch; clearly this is a temporary measure.

### **This years AGM**

This is planned for 25<sup>th</sup> November. Please plan to attend, and think about volunteering to help.

### **BMFA 'A' certificates**

The editor would like to congratulate those who have passed their 'A' certificate in less than 4 years; and encourage those who haven't got theirs yet to persist.

### **Shows**

There are shows at Much Marcle, Thornbury and Eastnor Castle coming up. If you plan ahead there may be a chance to car share.

15 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Bristol Model Engineering and Hobbies
16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Eastnor Castle
6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Much Marcle Large Model show

### **Site changes (Merriott)**

- Mark (thanks) has replaced the chain across the bottom of the entrance with a rope. This isn't locked, but please unhook it (or you may damage your car), and of course put it back afterwards.
- Please put the grey box containing the logbook, in the waterproof bag.

### **Newsletter distribution**

This newsletter is meant to be for all members, but currently I just post a copy on the web and email every-one; this means people not on the net don't get to see it. From now on I will be printing a few copies, to bring to club meetings and the flying patch, there will also be a copy or two with Richard at the shop.

Does any one have a better way of doing this (apart for letter post which we can't afford)?

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## **Websites & Contacts**

Aerofly	<a href="http://www.aerofly.de/">http://www.aerofly.de/</a>
Corton Denham	<a href="http://www.streetmap.co.uk">Streetmap.co.uk</a>
Daniel's website	<a href="http://www.whlaeromodellers.tk/">http://www.whlaeromodellers.tk/</a>
E-Petitions	<a href="http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/Airfields/">http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/Airfields/</a>
Ezone	<a href="http://www.ezonemag.com/">http://www.ezonemag.com/</a>
FMS	<a href="http://fms.pathbot.com/">http://fms.pathbot.com/</a>
Ilminster R/C club	<a href="http://www.ilminster.net/">http://www.ilminster.net/</a>
Merriott field	<a href="http://www.streetmap.co.uk">Streetmap.co.uk</a>
Newsletters	<a href="http://www.home9999.plus.com/WHLMAC/news.htm">http://www.home9999.plus.com/WHLMAC/news.htm</a>
Model Engineers	<a href="http://www.communigate.co.uk/twc/yeovilmodelengineers">www.communigate.co.uk/twc/yeovilmodelengineers</a>
Planning	<a href="http://www.minutesforarea.com/minutesforarea/minutesforarea-west-meeting-on-september-2005">Minutes for Area west meeting on September 2005</a>
White Sheet	<a href="http://www.artemisdriving.co.uk/whitesheet/index.htm">http://www.artemisdriving.co.uk/whitesheet/index.htm</a>
Much Marcle	<a href="http://www.large-model-association.com/eventcalendar.htm">http://www.large-model-association.com/eventcalendar.htm</a>
Eastnor Castle	<a href="http://www.eastnorcastle.com/special_events.aspx">http://www.eastnorcastle.com/special_events.aspx</a>
Bristol Model engineers	<a href="http://www.bristolmodelengineers.co.uk/">http://www.bristolmodelengineers.co.uk/</a>

## **Flying Times**

The permitted flying times are subject to common sense and courtesy :-

Day	Notes	Merriott field	Westland's aerodrome <sup>1</sup>
Monday	78dBa or less		18:00-20:30 <sup>2</sup>
Tuesday		12:00-20:00 <sup>2</sup>	Evenings <sup>2</sup>
Wednesday	Summer only		17:00-20:30 <sup>2</sup>
Thursday			Evenings <sup>2</sup>
Friday		12:00-20:00 <sup>2</sup>	Evenings <sup>2</sup>
Sat & Bank Holidays			12:00-sunset
Sunday		09:30-13:30	All day <sup>1</sup>
Any	Silent flight <sup>3</sup>	All day <sup>2</sup>	All day <sup>1</sup>

Note :-

<sup>1</sup> When closed to full sized aircraft.

<sup>2</sup> Flying should cease at sunset on either site.

<sup>3</sup> NOT all electric models are silent, please be considerate.

## **Meetings**

The Club nights are on the 4th Tuesday of every month (except December) at 20:00 in the Watercombe suite, Westland Leisure Complex.

We meet in the sportsman bar for a drink before (particularly when it's cold).

## **Articles, cartoons, notices, better photos & other contributions**

If any of you have anything interesting, amusing or informative that you would like to share in the newsletter please send it to me, by e-mail is best (my address can be found here :- <http://www.home9999.plus.com/contact.html>). But any material will be gratefully accepted, at a club nights, or on the field. I can also be contacted on 01935 445311 or 01935 823409.